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SUBJECT: GOTT SIGNS ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION  
AGREEMENT WITH FRANCE

REF: PORT OF SPAIN 1120

1. PRESS REPORTED APRIL 20 THAT ON HIS VISIT TO PARIS,  
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS JOHN DONALDSON AND FRENCH  
FOREIGN MINISTER LOUIS DE GUIRINGAUD SIGNED AN AGREEMENT ON  
ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THEIR RESPECTIVE  
GOVERNMENTS. THE AGREEMENT REPORTEDLY COVERS DEVELOPMENT  
OF NUCLEAR POWER AS AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF ENERGY;  
ASSISTANCE IN SHIPBUILDING; PORT DEVELOPMENT; DESIGN,  
CONSTRUCTION, EQUIPMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOSPITALS AND  
OTHER WELFARE ESTABLISHMENTS; PETROCHEMICAL INDUSTRY;  
OFF SHORE INDUSTRY; MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY; CEMENT FACTORIES;  
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AND ELECTRONICS. QUESTION OF BOOSTING TRADE BETWEEN TRINIDAD  
AND OVERSEAS DEPARTMENTS IN REGION AND FISHING PROBLEMS ALSO  
DISCUSSED.

2. ARTICLE ALSO STATED THAT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO WAS  
DEVELOPING ITS EXTENSIVE NATURAL GAS RESOURCES INCLUDING  
CONSTRUCTION OF A LIQUEFICATION PLANT WITH FRENCH ECONOMIC

AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, BUT SAME FRONT PAGE REPORTED THAT PRIME MINISTER WILL SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH TENNECO AND PEOPLE'S GAS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE PROPOSED LNG PLANT ON APRIL 24. THE LATTER HAS BEEN IN PROGRESS FOR SOME TIME, AND WE KNOW OF NO FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN THIS SUBJECT.

3. INFORMATION HERE DOES NOT INDICATE WHAT EITHER GOVERNMENT COMMITTED ITSELF TO ON THESE AREAS OF INTEREST, BUT WE SUSPECT IT WAS NOT MUCH. SOME OF THE PROJECTS LISTED ARE BEING PURSUED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH OTHER PARTIES, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR POWER IN TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, TWO SMALL ISLANDS, DOES NOT SEEM ECOLOGICALLY OR ECONOMICALLY FEASIBLE, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF COUNTRY'S OIL AND GAS RESERVES.

4. BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION HAS TOLD US THAT IT HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY GOTT TO CONSIDER SOME PROJECTS ON A "GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT" BASIS, BUT ONLY RESULT SO FAR HAS BEEN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE CONSULTANT ON PORT DEVELOPMENT.

5. AS FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTED, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS REPORT, FRANCE IS NOW 16TH AMONG SUPPLIERS TO TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO AND WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE ITS POSITION. WHETHER AGREEMENT WILL AFFECT TRADE IN ANY SUBSTANTIAL WAY REMAINS TO BE SEEN.  
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6. INVITATIONS WERE REPORTEDLY ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE FOR MINISTER DE GUIRINGAUD AND MINISTER FOR OVERSEAS TERRITORIES PAUL DIJOURD TO VISIT TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, BUT NO DATE WAS ANNOUNCED.

7. WE WOULD WELCOME ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY PARIS MAY HAVE ON THIS AGREEMENT.  
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